Exhibit 2

Charted Claim:

Method Claim: 1

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NUC10i7FNHAA ("Accused Product")

The accused product practices a method for reducing power consumption during background operations (e.g., self-refresh operation) in a memory array with a plurality of sections (e.g., memory banks) comprising the steps of: controlling said background operations (e.g., self-refresh operation) in each of said plurality of sections (e.g., memory banks) of said memory array in response to one or more control signals, wherein said one or more control signals are generated in response to a programmable address signal (e.g., address bits) and said background operations (e.g., self-refresh operation) can be enabled simultaneously in two or more of said plurality of sections independently of any other section.

The accused product uses a Mode Register 2 (MR2) which is loaded with address bits to decide the section(s) of the memory array on which the Self Refresh operation is enabled. Only after the address bits are coded in the MR2, the Self-Refresh operation is executed on the sections of the memory array.

For example, the MR2 includes Low-Power Auto Self Refresh (LPASR) bits, which enable the device to perform the refresh operation in Auto Self Refresh Mode across the different sections of the memory array simultaneously. The LP ASR bits (A7, A6) are set to "1" by using the MODE REGISTER SET (MRS) command such that the device manages Self Refresh entry over the supported temperature range of the DRAM.

Further, the SELF REFRESH command initiates Self Refresh mode to refresh the memory array as defined in MR2. According to the initialized LP ASR bits, the refresh operation is controlled at different temperature settings in the memory banks of SDRAM (DDR4) memory chip.

As shown below, the accused product adjusts its refresh rate to save power during operations such as Self Refresh operation, etc.







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3.2 Basic Functionality

cycle data transfers at the I/O pins.

The DDR4 SDRAM is a high-speed dynamic random-access memory internally configured as sixteen-banks, 4 bank group with 4 banks for each bank group for x4/x8 and eight-banks, 2 bank group with 4 banks for each bankgroup for x16 DRAM.

The DDR4 SDRAM uses a 8n prefetch architecture to achieve high-speed operation. The 8n prefetch architecture is combined with an interface designed to transfer two data words per clock cycle at the I/O pins. A single read or write operation for the DDR4 SDRAM consists of a single 8n-bit wide, four clock data transfer at the internal DRAM core and eight corresponding n-bit wide, one-half clock

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Source: DDR4 Standard

4.27.1 Low Power Auto Self Refresh

DDR4 devices support Low Power Auto Self-Refresh (LP ASR) operation at multiple temperatures ranges (See temperature table below). Mode Register MR2 – descriptions

Table 47 — MR2 definitions for Low Power Auto Self-Refresh mode

	A6	Α7	Self-Refresh Operation Mode
Г	0	0	Manual Mode – Normal operating temperature range
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Before issuing the Self-Refresh-Entry command, the DDR4 SDRAM must be idle with all bank precharge state with tRP satisfied. 'Idle state' is defined as all banks are closed (tRP, tDAL, etc. satisfied), no data bursts are in progress, CKE is high, and all timings from previous operations are satisfied (tMRD, tMOD,tRFC, tZQinit, tZQoper, tZQCS, etc.). Deselect command must be registered on last positive clock edge before issuing Self Refresh Entry command. Once the Self Refresh Entry command is registered, Deselect command must also be registered at the next positive clock edge. Once the Self-Refresh Entry command is registered, CKE must be held low to keep the device in Self-Refresh mode. .DRAM automatically disables ODT termination and set Hi-Z as termination state regardless of ODT pin and RTT_PARK set when it enters in Self-Refresh mode. Upon exiting Self-Refresh, DRAM automatically enables ODT termination and set RTT_PARK asynchronously during tXSDLL when RTT_PARK is enabled. During normal operation (DLL on) the DLL is automatically disabled upon entering Self-Refresh and is automatically enabled (including a DLL-Reset) upon exiting Self-Refresh.

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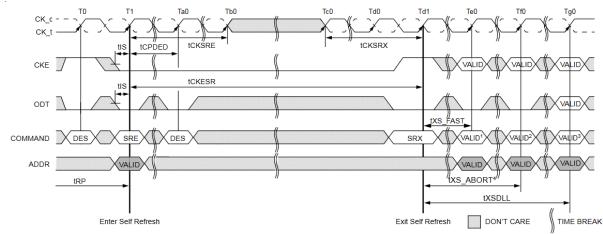
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4.26 Refresh Command

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NOTE

- 1. Only MRS (limited to those described in the Self-Refresh Operation section). ZQCS or ZQCL command allowed.
- 2. Valid commands not requiring a locked DLL
- 3. Valid commands requiring a locked DLL
- 4. Only DES is allowed during tXS ABORT

Figure 137 — Self-Refresh Entry/Exit Timing

Source: DDR4 Standard

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